Killing of Indians in Uganda

†* 520. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that three Indians had been killed recently in Uganda in ethnic violence;

(b) if so, whether Government of India have approached Government of Uganda with regard to safety of people of Indian origin residing in Uganda;

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government of Uganda regarding safety of Indians settled there;

(d) whether Government have formulated any policy for comprehensive security or disaster management for the safety of Indians settled in Uganda and other African countries; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (e) One Indian was killed in the recent racial violence in Uganda.

Government took up the matter with the Uganda authorities very strongly and also lodged an immediate request with the Ugandan Government for providing protection to PIOs/Indian nationals in Uganda.

The situation was quickly brought under control by the security agencies in Uganda. The President of Uganda issued a strong statement condemning the racial violence. The Government of Uganda have assured the Government fo India and the Indians/PIOs living in Uganda that all possible measures are being taken to ensure the safety of Indians/PIOs and their properties. President of Uganda met Asians in Uganda and assured them that the Government of Uganda will ensure that such incidents do not happen again.

The Ministry have formed a Crisis Management Group, which gets activated on the basis of inputs received from our Missions abroad for providing assistance to Indians wherever they are targeted in large numbers.

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